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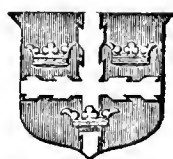
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# REPERTORY

OF THE

## Records & Evidences

OF THE

## BOROUGH OF COLCHESTER,

1865.

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IN the year 1865 the Records of this Borough were placed and arranged in the New Record Room at the Castle, and this Repertory made, in the Mayoralty of JOHN FITZSIMMONS BISHOP, Esquire, under the direction of a Record Committee, appointed by the Town Council, namely, Alderman EDWARD WILLIAMS, M.D., and Councillor JOHN BAWTREE HARVEY, Esquires, by HENRY HARROD, F.S.A., of 4, Victoria Street, Westminster.

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# The Records of the Borough of Colchester.

## I. THE CHARTERS.

- 1 EDWARD III. Inspecting and confirming Charters of Edward II., Henry III., and Richard I. Dated at Westminster 8th July, in the 36th year of his reign ..... 1364  
Capital Letter "E." never finished. Portion of the Seal of Green Wax remains.
- 2 RICHARD II. Inspecting and confirming the preceding Charters. Dated at Westminster the 27th January, in the first year of his reign ..... 1377-8  
Capital Letter "R." gilt, but illumination poor. Seal gone.
- 3 HENRY IV. Inspecting and confirming previous Charters. Dated at Westminster in the first year of his reign ..... 1399-1400  
Letter "H." left blank for the Illuminator. Portion of a Green Wax Seal remaining.
- 4 HENRY V. Inspecting and confirming previous Charters, and more clearly defining the right of the Town as to cognizance of Pleas. Dated at Westminster the 7th July, in the first year of his reign ..... 1413  
Capital Letter H. beautifully illuminated. St. Helena stands in the centre, a label about her inscribed on the left side of the figure "Sca Elena fuit in Colestia," and on the right side "Elena Mat: Constantini fuit & S cam Crucem invenit." A small figure of Constantine, above to the right, places his right hand on the horizontal beam of a great Cross which stands upright by the left side of St. Helena. Seal destroyed.

In a  
Tin Box  
marked  
"Charters."

Ditto.

Ditto.

Ditto.

2	THE CHARTERS— <i>continued.</i>	
5	<p>HENRY VII. Inspecting and confirming a Charter of the first Edward IV., and those of Edward III. and II., and Richard I. Dated at Westminster the 28th November, in the third year of his reign ..... 1488</p> <p>Seal in fragments in a Canvass Bag.</p>	In the Charter Box.
6	<p>HENRY VIII. "Inspeximus." Dated Westminster the 11th of May, in the second year of his reign..... 1511</p> <p>Seal gone.</p>	Ditto.
7	<p>ELIZABETH. "Inspeximus." Dated Westminster 20th February, in the first year of her reign ..... 1559</p> <p>The Initial Letter has an outline portrait of the Queen—a most lugubrious figure. Seal gone.</p>	Ditto.
8	<p>CHARLES I. "Inspeximus." Dated Westminster, the 18th June, in the 5th year of his reign ..... 1630</p> <p>Seal gone.</p>	Ditto.
9	<p>CHARLES I. New Charter, substituting a Mayor for the Bailiffs, and altogether reforming the Constitution of the Corporation. Dated at Can'bury the 9th July, in the 11th year of his reign ..... 1635</p> <p>Seal gone. Initial Letter has a portrait of Charles, shaded with lead pencil—a very poor performance.</p>	Ditto.
10	<p>CHARLES II. Reducing the number of the Council fixed in a previous Charter of 1663 (now lost), and prescribing Tests and Oaths. Dated at Westminster the 8th November, in his 36th year (his "second Charter")..... 1684</p> <p>Engraved Portrait on the first of five Skins of Parchment. Seal gone.</p>	Ditto.
11	<p>JAMES II. New Charter, still further reducing the number of Aldermen and Council, but abolishing the tests and qualifications of the previous Charter. Dated 15th September, in the 4th year of his reign..... 1688</p> <p>Engraved Portrait in first Letter. Four Skins of Parchment. Seal gone.</p>	Ditto.

	THE CHARTERS— <i>continued.</i>	3
12	WILLIAM AND MARY. A new Charter, reciting the first Charter of Charles II. (1663), and confirming it, adding a Tuesday Market, and a Fair in July called the "New Fair." Dated at Westminster 27th July, in the 5th year of their reign, 1693	In the Charter Box.
13	GEORGE III. New Charter, almost verbatim the same as the last one. Dated Westminster, the 9th September, in the 3rd year of his reign ..... 1763	Ditto.
14	GEORGE III. New Charter of Incorporation. Dated at Westminster in the 58th year of his reign, 20th February ... 1818  Transcripts of all the early Charters, made by the indefatigable Mr. Benjamin Strutt, will be found in a thin volume in the Record Room, labelled "Cartæ Colcestriæ."	Ditto.
15	Appointment of Justices of the Peace for the Borough. 1st December, 1837.  <i>As to the Grammar School.</i>	Ditto.
16	ELIZABETH. Foundation Charter. Dated 6th July, in the 26th year of her reign ..... 1584	Ditto.

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	<h2 style="text-align: center;">II. DEEDS AND WRITINGS.</h2> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 20px auto;"/>	
1	<p>Grant by King Edward VI. (in consideration of £284. 5s.) to the Corporation of Messuages, Lands, and Tenements, late belonging to Haynes' and Barwicks' Chuntries, in St. Peter's, Colchester, 14th November, 4th year, 1551.</p>	In the Charter Box.
2	<p>May 27th. 16th Charles I.</p> <p>John Sayers, of Aldham, Esquire, to James Abrathat, of Colchester, Merchant, of Chesterwell Wood, in Milend.</p> <p>A note endorsed on the Deed states—"This Deed shows the Boundary of the Town Jurisdiction, as the Northern limits by the Old Perambulations are the Black Brook, in Chesterwell, and this Wood being Chesterwell Wood, shows that the Well is near."</p>	Ditto.
3	<p>April 18th, 1684. The Mayor, &amp;c., to William Sadler. Mortgage of the "Three Crowns," in St. Mary-in-the-Wall, for £200, at £10 per cent.</p>	Ditto.
4	<p>December 15th, 1692. The Mayor, &amp;c., to Mr. Robert Parradine. Mortgage of the Dutch Bay Hall, in St. Peter's, to secure sums advanced by him to the Town in his Office of Chamberlain.</p>	Ditto.
5	<p>September 8th, 1712. Robert Clark, of Stratford, Suffolk, Gentleman, assigning to John Cumberland, of Norwich, Grocer, a term of 1,000 years in the Severalls Estate, Brinkeley Farm, and Tubbeswick, granted by the Corporation of Colchester on the 1st February, 1706, to the said Robert Clerk for securing £1,060 and interest.</p>	Ditto.
6	<p>A Bundle of Papers, Letters, &amp;c., relating to the Severalls Estate, and to the Ejectments there in 1750-6, with a Book dated December, 1756, containing Acknowledgments of all the Milend Tenants who had encroached on the Waste.</p>	Ditto.

	DEEDS AND WRITINGS— <i>continued.</i>	5
7	Fishery. 17th August, 1700. The Mayor, &c., to John Potter, Woollen Draper, and Ralph Creffield, Woollen Draper. Demise of Fishery in Colne Water from North Bridge to West Ness for 21 years, from the Annunciation last past, at a yearly rent of one shilling, with full power to grant leases or licences to others to dredge there.	In the Charter Box.
8	Same date, same parties. Covenant by the Corporation to hold Courts of Admiralty for the protection of Lessees when required by them, and to produce Charters, &c.	Ditto.
9	Exemplification of the Verdict in Potter and Creffield, <i>versus</i> Audley and others, as to the Fishery. Verdict for Plaintiffs. 1703.	Ditto.
10	August 2nd, 1718. The Mayor, &c., to Sir Ralph Creffield, Knight, and John Potter, Gentleman. Demise of the Fishery (as before) for fifteen years, from the Annunciation in 1721, at one shilling rent.	Ditto.
11	Counterpart executed by the Lessees.	Ditto.
12	Same date, same parties. Covenant as to Admiralty Courts and production of Charters, as before.	Ditto.
13	November 16th, 1718. Covenant and Agreement between the Lessees and the Dredgers. The Lessees to grant Licences, at ten shillings a dredge, to the Dredgers of eight parishes and the town of Colchester only. The Dredgers to comply with certain regulations as to size of boat, number of men, time of taking out licences, &c.	Ditto.
14	March 4th, 1730. John Colt, Citizen and Draper, of London, to the Mayor, &c., of Colchester. Assignment of Potter's moiety of the above Lease by Colt, the Assignee in Bankruptcy of his Estate, to the said Mayor, &c., in consideration of £10. 10s.	Ditto.
15	March 26th, 1731. Sir Ralph Creffield to the Mayor, &c. Assignment of the other moiety for the like sum.	Ditto.

6	DEEDS AND WRITINGS— <i>continued.</i>	
16	May 10th, 1683 (Copy). Lease from Mayor, &c., to William Garland, West Mersey, Mariner, and Anthony Sewell, East Mersey, Mariner, of the Fishery for three years, at £50 per annum.	In the Charter Box.
17	Quietus for Fee Farm Rent, 1684.	Ditto.
18	Proceedings of County Justices in relation to the Fishery from 1758 to 1764.	Ditto.
19	Perambulation of the Liberties in 1801.	Ditto.
20	Briefs and Papers relating to Actions and Suits by and against the Corporation, particularly with one Merry.	Ditto.
21	A similar Bundle of Briefs and Papers relating to Actions and Suits.	Ditto.
22	A third Parcel of similar Papers.	Ditto.
23	Title Deeds and Writings of Premises in the Parish of St. Peter, Colchester, purchased by the Corporation of Colchester of Sayers Turner, Esq., now forming part of the site of the New Cattle Market.	Ditto.
24	The like of Premises purchased by the Corporation of Parkhouse and wife, also forming part of the site of the New Cattle Market.	Ditto.
25	The like of Premises purchased of Miss Clementina Fox, also forming part of the site of the New Cattle Market.	Ditto.
26	Deed of Covenant dated 26th November, 1863, by Mr. Thomas Daniell, as to certain rights of way, &c., between Premises belonging to him called the New Market Tavern and the Cattle Market.	Ditto.
27	May 7th, 1855. Dedication by Charles Gray Round, Esq., of the Castle Chapel, as a Museum for the Town.	Ditto.
28	Grant by Charles Gray Round, Esq., of a Room in Colchester Castle for the purpose of a Muniment Room for the use of the Corporation.	Ditto.

### III. COURT ROLLS.

The Rolls of the Law Hundred and Foreign Courts contained originally all the proceedings of the Courts of Record, but by the close of Charles the Second's reign, Court Books were exclusively used, and the Rolls only used for recording Deeds and Recoveries.

The Rolls commence at Michaelmas in every year, and continue until the following Michaelmas.

The page of the Calendar is given, where a note of all matters on the Roll not of a strictly routine character will be found stated.

Regnal Year.	Reign.	Year of our Lord.		Page.	Deposited Shelf.
4 and 5	EDWARD II.	1310 and 1311	Calendar page . . . . .	7	A.a.
5 and 6	"	1311 and 1312	"	8	"
3 and 4	EDWARD III.	1329 and 1330	"	9	"
7 and 8	"	1333 and 1334	"	10	"
10 and 11	"	1336 and 1337	"	11	"
14 and 15	"	1340 and 1341	"	12	"
19 and 20	"	1345 and 1346	"	13	"
24 and 25	"	1350 and 1351	"	14	"
25 and 26	"	1351 and 1352	"	"	"
27 and 28	"	1353 and 1354	"	15	"
30 and 31	"	1356 and 1357	"	"	"
33 and 34	"	1359 and 1360	"	16	"
34 and 35	"	1360 and 1361	"	17	"
38 and 39	"	1364 and 1365	"	18	"
40 and 41	"	1366 and 1367	"	19	"
46 and 47	"	1372 and 1373	"	"	"
48 and 49	"	1374 and 1375	"	20	"
50 and 1	RICHARD II.	1376 and 1377	"	"	"
2 and 3	"	1378 and 1379	"	21	"
3 and 4	"	1379 and 1380	"	23	"
5 and 6	"	1381 and 1382	"	24	"
6 and 7	"	1382 and 1383	"	25	"
7 and 8	"	1383 and 1384	"	26	"
8 and 9	"	1384 and 1385	"	"	"
9 and 10	"	1385 and 1386	"	"	"

COURT ROLLS—*continued.*

Regnal Year.	Reign.	Year of our Lord.		Page.	Deposited Shelf.
11 and 12	RICHARD II.	1387 and 1388	Calendar page .....	28	A.a.
15 and 16	"	1391 and 1392	"	"	"
16 and 17	"	1392 and 1393	"	29	"
19 and 20	"	1395 and 1396	"	30	"
22 and 23	"	1398 and 1399	"	"	"
2	HENRY IV.	1400 and 1401	"	31	"
5	"	1403 and 1404	"	32	A.b.
6	"	1404 and 1405	"	"	"
7	"	1405 and 1406	"	33	"
8	"	1406 and 1407	"	34	"
11	"	1409 and 1410	"	"	"
13	"	1411 and 1412	"	35	"
1 and 2	HENRY V.	1413 and 1414	"	"	"
4 and 5	"	1416 and 1417	"	36	"
6 and 7	"	1418 and 1419	"	37	"
7 and 8	"	1419 and 1420	"	"	"
1 and 2	HENRY VI.	1423 and 1424	"	38	"
2 and 3	"	1424 and 1425	"	"	"
3 and 4	"	1425 and 1426	"	39	"
4 and 5	"	1426 and 1427	"	"	"
5 and 6	"	1427 and 1428	"	40	"
6 and 7	"	1428 and 1429	"	"	"
7 and 8	"	1429 and 1430	"	41	"
8 and 9	"	1430 and 1431	"	"	"
10 and 11	"	1432 and 1433	"	42	"
11 and 12	"	1433 and 1434	"	"	"
13 and 14	"	1435 and 1436	"	43	"
14 and 15	"	1436 and 1437	"	"	"
15 and 16	"	1437 and 1438	"	"	"
16 and 17	"	1438 and 1439	"	44	"
17 and 18	"	1439 and 1440	"	"	"
18 and 19	"	1440 and 1441	"	45	"
21 and 22	"	1442 and 1443	"	"	"
22 and 23	"	1443 and 1444	"	46	B.a.
23 and 24	"	1444 and 1445	"	"	"
25 and 26	"	1447 and 1448	"	47	"
26 and 27	"	1448 and 1449	"	"	"
27 and 28	"	1449 and 1450	"	48	"
30 and 31	"	1452 and 1453	"	"	"
31 and 32	"	1453 and 1454	"	49	"
34 and 35	"	1456 and 1457	"	"	"
35 and 36	"	1457 and 1458	"	50	"
36 and 37	"	1458 and 1459	"	51	"
37 and 38	"	1459 and 1460	"	"	"



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Regnal Year.	Reign.	Year of our Lord.		Page.	Deposited Shelf.
38 and 39	HENRY VI.	1460 and 1461	Calendar page . . . . .	52	B.a.
39 and 1	EDWARD IV.	1461 and 1462	"	53	"
3 and 4	"	1463 and 1464	"	"	"
6 and 7	"	1466 and 1467	"	54	"
10 and 11	"	1470 and 1471	"	55	"
13 and 14	"	1473 and 1474	"	"	"
16 and 17	"	1476 and 1477	"	56	"
17 and 18	"	1477 and 1478	"	57	"
20 and 21	"	1480 and 1481	"	"	"
21 and 22	"	1481 and 1482	"	58	"
1 and 2	RICHARD III.	1483 and 1484	"	59	"
2 and 3	"	1484 and 1485	"	"	"

Not a single Roll of Henry VII. remains. Some particulars of the contents may be found in the "Oath Book" and in the "Paper Books," for some years, in a case.

1 and 2	HENRY VIII.	1509 and 1510	Calendar page . . . . .	60	"
2 and 3	"	1510 and 1511	"	61	"
3 and 4	"	1511 and 1512	"	"	"
4 and 5	"	1512 and 1513	"	"	"
6 and 7	"	1514 and 1515	"	"	"
7 and 8	"	1515 and 1516	"	62	B.b.
8 and 9	"	1516 and 1517	"	"	"
9 and 10	"	1517 and 1518	"	"	"
10 and 11	"	1518 and 1519	"	63	"
11 and 12	"	1519 and 1520	"	"	"
12 and 13	"	1520 and 1521	"	"	"
13 and 14	"	1521 and 1522	"	64	"
14 and 15	"	1522 and 1523	"	"	"
16 and 17	"	1524 and 1525	"	"	"
17 and 18	"	1525 and 1526	"	"	"
18 and 19	"	1526 and 1527	"	"	"
19 and 20	"	1527 and 1528	"	65	"
21 and 22	"	1529 and 1530	"	"	"
22 and 23	"	1530 and 1531	"	66	"
23 and 24	"	1531 and 1532	"	"	"
24 and 25	"	1532 and 1533	"	"	"
25 and 26	"	1533 and 1534	"	"	"
26 and 27	"	1534 and 1535	"	67	"
27 and 28	"	1535 and 1536	"	"	"
28 and 29	"	1536 and 1537	"	"	"

10	COURT ROLLS— <i>continued.</i>					
	Regnal Year.	Reign.	Year of our Lord.	Calendar page . . . . .	Page.	Deposited Shelf.
	29 and 30	HENRY VIII.	1537 and 1538		67	B.b.
	30 and 31	„	1538 and 1539	„	„	„
	31 and 32	„	1539 and 1540	„	68	„
	32 and 33	„	1540 and 1541	„	„	„
	33 and 34	„	1541 and 1542	„	„	„
	34 and 35	„	1542 and 1543	„	„	„
	35 and 36	„	1543 and 1544	„	69	„
	36 and 37	„	1544 and 1545	„	„	„
	37 and 38	„	1545 and 1546	„	„	„
	1 and 2	EDWARD VI.	1547 and 1548	„	„	„
	3 and 4	„	1549 and 1550	„	70	„
	4 and 5	„	1550 and 1551	„	„	„
	5 and 6	„	1551 and 1552	„	„	„
	1 & 2	MARY & 1 PHILIP & MARY	1553 & 1554	„	„	„
	1 and 2	PHILIP & MARY	1554 and 1555	„	„	C.a.
	2 and 3	„	1555 and 1556	„	71	„
	4 and 5	„	1557 and 1558	„	„	„
	5 and 1	ELIZABETH	1558 and 1559	„	„	„
	1 and 2	„	1559 and 1560	„	72	„
	2 and 3	„	1560 and 1561	„	„	„
	4 and 5	„	1562 and 1563	„	„	„
	5 and 6	„	1563 and 1564	„	„	„
	6 and 7	„	1564 and 1565	„	„	„
	7 and 8	„	1565 and 1566	„	73	„
	8 and 9	„	1566 and 1567	„	„	„
	9 and 10	„	1567 and 1568	„	„	„
	10 and 11	„	1568 and 1569	„	„	„
	11 and 12	„	1569 and 1570	„	„	„
	12 and 13	„	1570 and 1571	„	„	„
	13 and 14	„	1571 and 1572	„	74	„
	15 and 16	„	1573 and 1574	„	„	„
	16 and 17	„	1574 and 1575	„	„	„
	17 and 18	„	1575 and 1576	„	„	„
	19 and 20	„	1577 and 1578	„	75	„
	20 and 21	„	1578 and 1579	„	„	„
	21 and 22	„	1579 and 1580	„	„	„
	22 and 23	„	1580 and 1581	„	„	„
	23 and 24	„	1581 and 1582	„	76	„
	24 and 25	„	1582 and 1583	„	„	„
	25 and 26	„	1583 and 1584	„	„	„
	26 and 27	„	1584 and 1585	„	„	„
	27 and 28	„	1585 and 1586	„	„	„
	28 and 29	„	1586 and 1587	„	77	„
	29 and 30	„	1587 and 1588	„	„	„

COURT ROLLS—*continued.*

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Regnal Year.	Reign.	Year of our Lord.		Page.	Deposited Shelf.
30 and 31	ELIZABETH.	1588 and 1589	Calendar page .....	78	C.a.
31 and 32	"	1589 and 1590	"	"	"
32 and 33	"	1590 and 1591	"	"	"
33 and 34	"	1591 and 1592	"	79	"
34 and 35	"	1592 and 1593	"	"	"
35 and 36	"	1593 and 1594	"	"	"
36 and 37	"	1594 and 1595	"	80	"
37 and 38	"	1595 and 1596	"	"	C.b.
38 and 39	"	1596 and 1597	"	"	"
39 and 40	"	1597 and 1598	"	81	"
40 and 41	"	1598 and 1599	"	"	"
41 and 42	"	1599 and 1600	"	"	"
42 and 43	"	1600 and 1601	"	82	"
43 and 44	"	1601 and 1602	"	"	"
44 and 1	JAMES I.	1602 and 1603	"	"	"
2 and 3	"	1604 and 1605	"	"	"
3 and 4	"	1605 and 1606	"	83	"
4 and 5	"	1606 and 1607	"	"	"
5 and 6	"	1607 and 1608	"	"	"
6 and 7	"	1608 and 1609	"	"	"
7 and 8	"	1609 and 1610	"	84	"
9 and 10	"	1611 and 1612	"	"	"
11 and 12	"	1613 and 1614	"	"	"
12 and 13	"	1614 and 1615	"	"	"
13 and 14	"	1615 and 1616	"	85	"
14 and 15	"	1616 and 1617	"	"	"
15 and 16	"	1617 and 1618	"	86	"
16 and 17	"	1618 and 1619	"	"	"
17 and 18	"	1619 and 1620	"	"	"
18 and 19	"	1620 and 1621	"	"	"
19 and 20	"	1621 and 1622	"	87	"
20 and 21	"	1622 and 1623	"	"	"
21 and 22	"	1623 and 1624	"	"	"
22 and 1	CHARLES I.	1624 and 1625	"	88	"
1 and 2	"	1625 and 1626	"	"	"

Every other Roll of Charles I., of the Commonwealth, and of the first eight years of Charles II., are lost. When they again commence they are very irregular—sometimes only the Enrolments, sometimes a few Pleadings, occasionally the original Paper Pleadings (hundreds of small scraps of paper), are squeezed up in a single Roll of Parchment and made to do duty as a "Court Roll."

Regnal Year.	Reign.	Year of our Lord.		Rolls.	Deposited Shelf.
20 and 21	CHARLES II.	1668 and 1669	Paper Pleas .....		C.b.
22 and 23	"	1670 and 1671	Deeds, &c.....	21	"
23 and 24	"	1671 and 1672	"	27	"
24 and 25	"	1672 and 1673	"	19	"
26 and 27	"	1674 and 1675	Foreign Court Pleas.....	12	"
27 and 28	"	1675 and 1676	Deeds, &c.....	12	D.a.
29 and 30	"	1677 and 1678	Pleas, &c. ....	13	"
30 and 31	"	1678 and 1679	Pleas and Deeds .....	16	"
31 and 32	"	1679 and 1680	Deeds, &c.....	13	"
32 and 33	"	1680 and 1681	Pleas, &c. ....	17	"
33 and 34	"	1681 and 1682	"	15	"
34 and 35	"	1682 and 1683	12 Rolls of Deeds, written in a large hand, 23 Rolls of Pleas, and 1 of Corporation	36	"
35 and 36	"	1683 and 1684	Deeds and Pleas .....	28	"
36 and 1	JAMES II.	1684 and 1685	"	25	"
1 and 2	"	1685 and 1686	Paper Pleas and Fine Roll ..		
2 and 3	"	1686 and 1687	Deeds and Fine Roll.....	11	"
3 and 4	"	1687 and 1688	1 of Deeds, 4 Foreign Court and Paper Pleas .....	5	"
4 and 1	WILLIAM & MARY	1688 and 1689	Deeds enrolled .....	8	"
1 and 2	"	1689 and 1690	"	13	"
2 and 3	"	1690 and 1691	Deeds enrolled and Pleas....	14	"
3 and 4	"	1691 and 1692	Deeds enrolled .....	10	"
4 and 5	"	1692 and 1693	Deeds enrolled and Appren- tice Indentures .....	10	"
5 and 6	"	1693 and 1694	Deeds enrolled .....	4	"
6 and 7	WILLIAM III.	1694 and 1695	"	11	"
7 and 8	"	1695 and 1696	"	7	"
8 and 9	"	1696 and 1697	"	5	"
9 and 10	"	1697 and 1698	"	7	"
11 and 12	"	1699 and 1700	Deeds enrolled and Appren- tice Indentures .....	13	"
13 and 1	ANNE	1701 and 1702	Deeds enrolled .....	12	"
1 and 2	"	1702 and 1703	"	11	"
2 and 3	"	1703 and 1704	"	15	"
3 and 4	"	1704 and 1705	"	4	"
4 and 5	"	1705 and 1706	"	12	"
5 and 6	"	1706 and 1707	"	9	"
6 and 7	"	1707 and 1708	"	11	"
7 and 8	"	1708 and 1709	"	20	"
8 and 9	"	1709 and 1710	"	9	"
9 and 10	"	1710 and 1711	Deeds enrolled and Pleas....	20	"
10 and 11	"	1711 and 1712	Deeds enrolled .....	13	"

## COURT ROLLS—continued.

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	Regnal Year.	Reign.	Year of our Lord.		Rolls.	Deposited Shelf.
	11 and 12	ANNE	1712 and 1713	Deeds enrolled .....	14	D.a.
	12 and 1	GEORGE I.	1713 and 1714	"	16	"
	1 and 2	"	1714 and 1715	"	2	"
	2 and 3	"	1715 and 1716	"	11	D.b.
	3 and 4	"	1716 and 1717	"	23	"
	4 and 5	"	1717 and 1718	"	20	"
	5 and 6	"	1718 and 1719	"	20	"
	6 and 7	"	1719 and 1720	"	12	"
	7 and 8	"	1720 and 1721	Deeds enrolled and Pleas....	22	"
	8 and 9	"	1721 and 1722	Deeds enrolled .....	12	"
	9 and 10	"	1722 and 1723	"	16	"
	12 and 13	"	1725 and 1726	"	15	"
	13 and 1	GEORGE II.	1726 and 1727	"	4	"
	10 GEORGE I. to 1 GEORGE II.		1723 and 1727	"	13	"
	2 to 8	GEORGE II.	1728 and 1734	"	3	"
	8 and 9	"	1734 and 1735	"	10	"
	15 and 16	"	1740 and 1741	"	12	"
1	Deeds enrolled .....		1764 to 1787			"
1a	"		1787 to 1797			"
2	Recoveries enrolled ... ..		1765 to 1777			"
3	"		1783 to 1824			"
4	"		1801 to 1809			"
5	Action Entries on Stamps ..		1716 to 1722	Law Hundred & Foreign Court		"
6	"		1722 to 1728	"		"
7	Action Entries and Recog- nizance.....		1717 to 1725	"		"
8	Foreign Court Rolls .....		1760 to 1818			D.d.
9	Fragments of Leet Presentments, mostly undated.					D.b.
10	Affidavits, &c.....		1750 to 1800	Foreign Court .....		D.d.
11	Pleas in 1662 in a Parchment Roll.					"
12	Curious Collection of Precedents, <i>temp.</i> Henry VIII.					"
13	Ejectment Proceedings in 1718. Thomas Troublesome v. John Makeplaine, instead of Doe and Roe.					"

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IV. SESSIONS ROLLS.</b></p> <hr/>	
1-2	<p>Sessions and Gaol Delivery Rolls of the following years of Elizabeth (in two parcels) :—</p> <p>18 and 19 ELIZABETH  19 and 20 „  25 and 26 „ Two women convicted of Witchcraft, imprisoned, and to stand in Pillory.  26 and 27 „  27 and 28 „  30 and 31 „  35 and 36 „  37 and 38 „  40 and 41 „ Three men hanged.  42 and 43 „ Two men hanged at the Trinity Sessions, and two women and one man in October.</p>	<p>Shelf. A.c.</p>
3-4	<p>Sessions and Gaol Delivery Rolls of the following years of James I. (in two parcels) :—</p> <p>3 and 4 JAMES I.  4 and 5 „  5 and 6 „  7 and 8 „  8 and 9 „  10 and 11 „  11 and 12 „ A woman hanged for Burglary.  12 and 13 „ Two women hanged for Murder.  14 and 15 „  16 and 17 „  17 and 18 „ Two men hanged, one for stealing Rabbits from an Outhouse, the other for Burglary.  18 and 19 „  19 and 20 „  20 and 21 „  22 and 23 „</p>	<p>A.c.</p>

	SESSIONS ROLLS— <i>continued.</i>	15
5	<p>Sessions and Gaol Delivery Rolls of Charles I. (in one parcel).</p> <p>7 and 8 CHARLES I.  9 and 10 „  10 and 11 „  11 and 12 „  14 and 15 „ One man hanged for Horse-stealing, another  “ stood mute,” and was pressed to death.  16 and 17 „  17 and 18 „  21 and 22 „  22 and 23 „  25 and 26 „</p>	Shelf. A.c.
6	<p>Sessions and Gaol Delivery Rolls for 1650 to 1690.</p> <p>1650-1.  1652.  1654.  1655.  1659. Three persons hanged—two men and one woman.  1671-2.  1687. Jury Presentments only.  1690.</p>	B.c.
7-8	<p>Sessions and Gaol Delivery Rolls from 1691 to 1700.</p> <p>1691.  1692.  1693.  1694.  1698.  1699.  1700.</p>	B.c.
9	<p>Sessions and Gaol Delivery Rolls, &amp;c., 1701 to 1705.</p> <p>1701. One Roll.  1702. Three Rolls.  1703. Two Rolls.  1704. Three Rolls.  1705. Four Rolls.</p>	B.c.

16	SESSIONS ROLLS— <i>continued.</i>	
10-11	<p>Sessions and Gaol Delivery Rolls, 1706 to 1710.</p> <p>1706. Three Rolls.  1707. Three Rolls.  1708. Two Rolls.  1709. Four Rolls.  1710. Four Rolls.</p>	<p>Shelf.  { B.c.  A.c.</p>
12-13	<p>Sessions and Gaol Delivery, 1711 to 1715.</p> <p>1711. Four Rolls.  1712. Four Rolls.  1713. Two Rolls.  1714. One Roll.  1715. Four Rolls.</p>	<p>A.c.</p>
14-15	<p>Sessions and Gaol Delivery, 1716 to 1720.</p> <p>1716. Three Rolls.  1717. Four Rolls.  1718. Four Rolls.  1719. Four Rolls.  1720. Three Rolls.</p>	<p>A.c.</p>
16-17	<p>Sessions and Gaol Delivery, 1721 to 1725.</p> <p>1721. Four Rolls.  1722. Four Rolls.  1723. Four Rolls.  1724. Four Rolls.  1725. Four Rolls.</p>	<p>B.c.</p>
18-19	<p>Sessions and Gaol Delivery, 1726 to 1730.</p> <p>1726. Three Rolls.  1727. Three Rolls.  1728. Three Rolls.  1729. Four Rolls.  1730. Three Rolls.</p>	<p>{ B.c.  A.c.</p>
20-21	<p>Sessions and Gaol Delivery, 1731 to 1735.</p> <p>1731. Four Rolls.  1732. Four Rolls.</p>	<p>A.c.</p>



	SESSIONS ROLLS— <i>continued.</i>			17
				Shelf.
	1733. Four Rolls.			
	1734. Four Rolls.			
	1735. Four Rolls.			
22-23	Sessions and Gaol Delivery, 1736 to 1740.			A.c.
	1736. Four Rolls.			
	1737. Four Rolls.			
	1738. Four Rolls.			
	1739. Four Rolls.			
	1740. Four Rolls.			
24	Sessions and Gaol Delivery Rolls and Papers from 1764 to 1774.			B.c.
25	Ditto ditto „ 1775 to 1785.			„
26	Ditto ditto „ 1787 to 1793.			A.d.
	Ditto ditto „ 1794 to 1802.			
27	Sessions and Oath Rolls „ 1764 to 1810.			„
28	Sessions and Gaol Delivery Rolls „ 1804 to 1814.			„
29	Sessions Papers, Calendars, Certificates, Indentures, Depositions, &c. „ 1738 to 1777.			„
30	Ditto ditto „ 1783 to 1791.			„
31	Ditto ditto „ 1791 to 1798.			B.d.
32	Ditto ditto „ 1798 to 1808.			„
33	Ditto ditto „ 1810 to 1813.			„
34	Ditto ditto „ 1813 to 1815.			„
35	Ditto ditto „ 1816 to 1817.			A.d.
36	Ditto ditto „ 1818 to 1820.			„
37	Ditto ditto „ 1837 to 1839.			„
38	Sessions Papers, Commitments, &c., „ 1825 to 1828.			B.d.
39	Ditto ditto „ 1829 to 1832.			„
40	Ditto ditto „ 1833 to 1836.			„
41	Ditto ditto „ 1840 to 1842.			A.d.
42	Ditto ditto „ 1843 to 1845.			„
43	Ditto ditto „ 1846 to 1849.			„

## V. CORPORATION ACCOUNTS.

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- a.* Chamberlains' Accounts.
- b.* Chamberlains' Bills and Vouchers.
- c.* Serjeants' Petitions and Extracts.
- d.* Subsidy and Composition Rolls.
- e.* Treasurers' Accounts.
- f.* Mortgagees' Accounts.
- g.* Treasurers' Bills and Vouchers.
- h.* Borough Rates Accounts.
- i.* St. Helen's Guild Account.

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*Chamberlains' Accounts* are arranged in a case so labelled. Many are in a hopeless state of decay. Those capable of identification are as follow :—

42 and 43	ELIZABETH	1599 to 1600	Hugh Lovell, Chamberlain.
45 and 1	JAMES I.	1602 to 1603	George Gowdge, Chamberlain.
9 and 10	„	1611 to 1612	Samuel Croplye, Chamberlain.
17 and 18	„	1619 to 1620	Thomas Reynolds, Chamberlain.
22 and 1	CHARLES I.	1624 to 1625	Daniel Cole, Chamberlain.
1 and 2	„	1625 to 1626	William Johnson, Chamberlain.
6 and 7	„	1630 to 1631	Edward Thurston, Chamberlain.
7 and 8	„	1631 to 1632	A fragment only.
14 and 15	„	1638 to 1639	A part only of Chamberlain's Account.
15 and 16	„	1639 to 1640	William Hammond.
17 and 18	„	1641 to 1642	Nicholas Bacon.
22 and 23	„	1646 to 1647	Francis Burrowes.
24	„	1648 to 1649	John Radham.
		1654 to 1655	John Luffkin.
		1659 to 1660	John Rayner.
13 and 14	CHARLES II.	1661 to 1662	Samuel Sheerely.
16 and 17	„	1664 to 1665	John Merridale.
19 and 20	„	1667 to 1668	William Hall.

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	CORPORATION ACCOUNTS— <i>continued.</i>	19
	<p>20 and 21 CHARLES II. 1668 to 1669 William Cater.</p> <p>30 and 31 „ 1678 to 1679 John Stileman.</p> <p>32 and 33 „ 1680 to 1681 John Potter.</p> <p>33 and 34 „ 1681 to 1682 Henry Lamb.</p> <p>35 and 36 „ 1683 to 1684</p> <p>4 JAMES II. &amp; 1 WILLIAM &amp; MARY 1688 to 1689 Ezekiel Sherman.</p> <p>8 and 9 WILLIAM III. 1696 to 1697 William Francis.</p> <p>10 and 11 „ 1698 to 1699 Jacob Johnson.</p> <p>4 and 5 GEORGE I. 1717 to 1718 George Gray.</p> <p>6 and 7 „ 1719 to 1720 George Gray.</p> <p>11 and 12 „ 1724 to 1725 George Gray.</p> <p>5 and 6 GEORGE III. 1765 to 1772 John Fiske.</p>	Shelf. K.
a.2.	Chamberlains' Accounts for 1834 marked B, and 1835 marked A.	C.d.
b.1.	Chamberlains' Bills and Vouchers for the years 1579, 1580, 1584, 1602, 1607, 1609 (most of them in a bad condition).	C.c.
b.2.	Chamberlains' Bills and Vouchers for the years 1610, 1617, 1619, 1622, 1624, 1627, 1629.	„
b.3.	Chamberlains' Bills and Vouchers for the years 1637, 1642, 1645, 1663, 1698, 1704, 1706.	„
b.4.	Chamberlains' Bills and Vouchers for the years 1708, 1719, 1720, 1728, 1729, 1730, 1733, 1734, 1735, 1736, 1739.	„
b.5.	Chamberlains' Bills and Vouchers for the years 1777 to 1781, and from 1798 to 1807.	„
b.6.	Chamberlains' Bills and Vouchers from 1807 to 1819.	„
b.7.	Chamberlains' Bills and Vouchers from 1826 to 1834.	„
c.1.	<p>Serjeants' Petitions, being Extracts of the Amerciaments from the Leet and Court Rolls for collection by the Serjeants, with Memorandum of receipt by the Chamberlain at the end of each.</p> <p>Some of these Petitions are evidently the work of the Serjeants themselves, but others are the work of more experienced scribes,</p>	C.d.

20	CORPORATION ACCOUNTS— <i>continued.</i>	
	<p>and appear to be called Petitions from their praying to be allowed the amount in their Accounts.</p> <p>1 and 2 HENRY V.  4 and 5 „  11 and 12 HENRY VI.  15 and 16 „  18 and 19 „  21 and 22 HENRY VII. This is of value, as almost the only Leet Inquest of this reign.  2 and 3 HENRY VIII.  3 and 4 „  4 and 5 „  5 and 6 „</p>	Shelf.
c.2.	<p>Serjeants' Extracts. The same things as the Petitions ; if anything, more loosely and unintelligibly arranged ; in nearly every case only a part of the year.</p> <p>Serjeants' Extracts.</p> <p>25 and 26 HENRY VIII.  27 and 28 „  31 and 32 „  37 and 38 „  38 and 39 „  10 and 11 ELIZABETH.  19 and 20 „  21 and 22 „  30 and 31 „ A fragment.  8 and 9 JAMES I.  9 and 10 „  10 and 11 „  14 and 15 „  17 and 18 „  21 and 22 „  30 and 31 CHARLES II.</p>	C.d.
d.	<p>Subsidy and Composition Rolls.</p> <p>1. Subsidy Roll for 1600.  2. Shipmoney Assessments for 1679.  3. Assessments for Subsidy after the Siege, showing the</p>	C.d.

	CORPORATION ACCOUNTS— <i>continued.</i>	21
	Houses burnt, the owners and occupiers of which are relieved. 1648.	Shelf
	4. Foreigners' Compositions for Liberty of Trade from 1637 to 1667.	
e.	Borough Treasurers' Accounts. Printed statements from 1843 to 1850.	C.d.
f.	Mortgagees' Accounts. Account of William Bernard, Esq., 1766 to 1767. " " 1767 to 1768. " " 1768 to 1769. " " 1769 to 1770. " " 1770 to 1771. Account of James Bernard, Esq., 1773 to 1774. " " 1774 to 1775. " " 1775 to 1776.	C.d.
g.	1. Treasurers' Bills and Vouchers 1839 and 1840.	C.c.
"	2. Ditto ditto 1841 to 1843.	"
"	3. Ditto ditto 1844 and 1845.	"
"	4. Ditto ditto 1845 and 1846.	"
h.	Borough Rate Account, 1838 and 1839.	C.d.
i.	Account of the Guild of St. Helen's, by the Masters, in 20th Henry VI.	C.d.

## VI. BURGESS ROLLS.

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Burgess Roll on Stamps, 1716 to 1724. After the latter date the Register of Admissions was kept in Books. (See Division V., Books.)

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D.b.

## VII. OATHS AND DECLARATIONS.

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1. Oaths and Declarations against the Solemn League and Covenant on Election of Aldermen in 1683 and 1687.

D.b.

2. Qualification of Members under the New Charter in 1763.

D.b.

# Books.

## I. ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL MINUTE BOOKS.

		Shelf.
1	Assembly Book from 1576 to 1599. The Minutes for three years prior to this time will be found in the latter part of the first Monday Court Book. See the contents of that volume.	D.c.
2	Assembly Book from 1600 to 1620.	"
3	Ditto " 1620 to 1646.	"
4	Ditto " 1646 to 1666.	"
5	Ditto " 1667 to 1692.	"
6	Ditto " 1693 to 1712.	"
7	Ditto " 1712 to 1741.	"
8	Ditto " 1763 to 1797.	"
9	Ditto " 1798 to 1827.	"
10	Ditto " 1827 to 1835.	"
1	Council Minute Book from 1835 to 1839.	
2	Ditto " 1839 to 1845.	
3	Ditto " 1845 to 1852.	
4	Ditto " 1852 to 1858.	
5	Ditto " 1858 to 1863.	
6	Ditto " 1863 to 1866.	

## II. COURT BOOKS.

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		Shelf.
1	<p>Law Hundred, or Monday Court Book of 6th, 9th, 13th, 14th, and 15th Henry VII.</p> <p>Only part of a volume, and in a bad condition, but of value, as the Court Rolls of Henry VII. are all lost. These fragments are now placed in a case labelled "Monday Court, Henry VII."</p>	A.
1a.	<p>Monday Court Book from 1539 to 1547.</p> <p>This also contains the Minutes of the Thursday Court for the same time.</p>	"
2	<p>Monday Court Book from 1565 to 1571.</p> <p>This, likewise, contains the Thursday Court Minutes, which, after this time, are kept separately.</p>	"
3	<p>Monday Court Book from 1571 to 1575.</p> <p>This volume is not paged, but contains—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Monday Court Minutes.</li> <li>2. Assembly Minutes, 1573 to 1576.</li> <li>3. A List of Refugees in 1573.</li> <li>4. Contributions for Relief of the Poor.</li> <li>5. A Town Rental (about 1576).</li> </ol>	"
4	Monday Court Book from 1575 to 1586.	"
5	Ditto .. 1586 to 1593.	"
6	Ditto .. 1593 to 1599.	"
7	Ditto .. 1599 to 1606.	"
8	Ditto .. 1606 to 1614.	"
9	Ditto .. 1614 to 1620.	Lost.
10	Ditto .. 1620 to 1624.	"
11	Ditto .. 1624 to 1629.	"
12	Ditto .. 1629 to 1634.	"
13	Ditto .. 1634 to 1638.	"
14	Ditto .. 1638 to 1642.	"



COURT BOOKS— <i>continued.</i>		25
		Shelf.
15	Monday Court Book from 1642 to 1646.	B.
16	Ditto „ 1646 to 1650.	„
17	Ditto „ 1650 to 1653.	„
18	Ditto „ 1653 to 1658.	„
19	Ditto „ 1658 to 1661.	„
20	Ditto „ 1662 to 1666.	„
21	Ditto „ 1666 to 1671.	„
22	Ditto „ 1672 to 1674.	„
23	Ditto „ 1675 to 1678.	„
24	Ditto „ 1678 to 1684.	„
25	Ditto „ 1684 to 1689.	„
26	Ditto „ 1688 to 1691.	„
27	Ditto „ 1699 to 1706.	„
28	Ditto „ 1706 to 1714.	F.
29	Ditto „ 1714 to 1730.	„
30	Ditto „ 1730 to 1767.	„
31	Ditto „ 1767 to 1785.	„
32	Ditto „ 1785 to 1810.	„
1	Thursday, or Foreign Court Book, from 1571 to 1576.	C.
	<p>To 1571 the Minutes of this Court were kept in the same Book as those of the Monday Court.</p> <p>This volume is unpagged, but contains, about the middle of it, the following transcripts and other entries :—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Commission for taking Orders about Pyrates and Pyraces. 14th October, 19th Elizabeth.</li> <li>2. Names of the Commissioners.</li> <li>3. Letter from the Privy Council on Piracy. 29th September, 1577.</li> <li>4. Instructions to Commissioners annexed thereto.</li> <li>5. Orders by Commissioners thereon.</li> <li>6. Letters to the Justices about Highwaymen and Beggars, &amp;c. November, 1577.</li> <li>7. Commission to suppress Piracy. July, 20th Elizabeth.</li> <li>8. Instructions to Commissioners.</li> <li>9. Orders of Justices of Assize at Chelmsford about Fishery. 13th May, 19th Elizabeth.</li> </ol>	

26	COURT BOOKS— <i>continued.</i>	
	<p>10. A Commission for Musters. 18th April, 22nd Elizabeth.</p> <p>11. A general direction for Commissioners for the Musters in the Town of Colchester.</p> <p>12. Instructions, "by command," given by the Privy Council to Commissioners for Musters in Essex. (20 pages.)</p> <p>13. Letter from the Privy Council on Musters. Westminster, 18th March (no date of year).</p> <p>14. Letter to the Bailiffs of Colchester by the Commissioners, with a list of those charged with the provision of Lances and Light Horse.</p> <p>15. 1580. The humble sute of the Bailiffs and Aldermen to be relieved therefrom.</p> <p>16. Letter from Commissioners in support of such Petition. February, 1580.</p> <p>17. Warning to Light Horse to Muster at Chelmsford on Friday, the 20th September. (This must be 1582.)</p> <p>18. Instructions and Orders by the Privy Council as to the Light Horse. 1st March, 20th Elizabeth.</p> <p>19. Butchers' Recognizances in £20 against killing meat in Lent, and other prohibited times. 23rd Elizabeth.</p> <p>20. Letter from the Privy Council urging the more strict observance of Fasts.</p> <p>21. Orders thereupon. (3 pages of them.)</p> <p>22. A Permit by the Bailiffs to a sick person to eat flesh in Lent.</p> <p>23. Six other Permits.</p> <p>24. Letter from Privy Council on same subject. 1586.</p> <p>25. 1576. Jury for the Scrutiny of the Market and Port, and Letters from Privy Council.</p> <p>26. Order of Justices thereon.</p> <p>27. The names of the Badgers, Lodgers, Carriers, Buyers, and Sellers of Corn and Grain.</p> <p>28. Jury named in each year from the 20th to the 28th Elizabeth to enquire concerning transport of Corn and Grain, and in the Market of Colchester.</p>	Shelf.

	COURT BOOKS— <i>continued.</i>	27
		Shelf.
2	Thursday Court Book from 1583 to 1593.	C.
3	Ditto " 1593 to 1599.	"
4	Ditto " 1601 to 1605.	"
5	Ditto " 1605 to 1611.	"
6	Ditto " 1614 to 1621.	"
7	Ditto " 1621 to 1624.	D.
8	Ditto " 1625 to 1629.	"
9	Ditto " 1629 to 1634.	"
10	Ditto " 1634 to 1638.	"
11	Ditto " 1638 to 1641.	"
12	Ditto " 1641 to 1643.	"
13	Ditto " 1643 to 1646.	"
14	Ditto " 1646 to 1650.	"
15	Ditto " 1650 to 1652.	"
16	Ditto " 1652 to 1655.	"
17	Ditto " 1655 to 1658.	"
18	Ditto " 1658 to 1661.	E.
19	Ditto " 1661 to 1665.	"
20	Ditto " 1666 to 1669.	"
21	Ditto " 1669 to 1671.	"
22	Ditto " 1671 to 1673.	"
23	Ditto " 1673 to 1677.	"
24	Ditto " 1677 to 1680.	"
25	Ditto " 1680 to 1687.	"
26	Ditto " 1687 to 1701.	"
27	Ditto " 1690 to 1692.	"
28	Ditto " 1701 to 1708.	"
29	Ditto " 1708 to 1714.	"
30	Ditto " 1714 to 1727.	"
31	Ditto " 1727 to 1739.	"
32	Ditto " 1739 to 1779.	"
33	Ditto " 1779 to 1798.	F.
34	Ditto " 1798 to 1827.	"
35	Ditto " 1828 to 1844.	"
	Action Stamp Book from 1764 to 1822.	D.
	A previous Book, from 1727 to 1764, has been also used as a Burgesses' Admission Book. See "V., Burgess Books."	

### III. SESSIONS BOOKS.

1	Examinations and Recognizances. 15th to 21st Edward IV. A few loose sheets only of this volume remain : these are placed in a brown paper parcel.	Shelf. C.
2	Examinations and Recognizances. 10th 15th Henry VIII. A couple of quires only, now put into a brown paper parcel.	"
3	Examinations and Recognizances from 1561 to 1570.	"
4	Examinations and Recognizances from 1562 to 1572.	"

This volume is known as the

#### "Liber Ordinationum,"

its contents are as follow :—

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Assize of Bread. 2nd March, 5th Elizabeth	... ..	93
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